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SUBJ: ZAIRE MAGAZINE COMMENTS ON

SOVIET MFN GRANT AND JACKSON

AMENDMENT

1. NOVEMBER 4 ZAIRE MAGAZINE CLAIMS THAT IN ACCEPTING JACKSON AMENDMENT TERMS IN RETURN FOR MFN STATUS, SOVIET UNION "HAS PROFOUNDLY MODIFIED ITS TRADITIONAL POLICY IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS".

2. BY ACCEDING TO THE STIPULATIONS PROPOSED IN THE AMENDMENT, ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS SHOWN THAT IT "CAN BRING ITSELF TO ADOPT CERTAIN OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF MAN PROVIDED THAT IT DRAWS SOME PROFIT FROM IT".

3. THE SIGNED ARTICLE MAINTAINS THAT THE "LIBERALIZATION OF JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM THE USSR CONSTITUTES A GREAT SUCCESS FOR MR. FORD, WHO HAS NEED OF THEM (SUCCESSES) BEFORE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ELECTIONS OF NOVEMBER, 1975 (SIC)".

4. AFTER OBJECTIVELY DELINEATING TERMS OF AGREEMENT, ARTICLE NOTES DISSATISFACTION OF SOME RUSSIAN INTELLECTUALS "WHO OCCUPY A GOOD POSITION IN THE SOVIET UNION" AND WHO CAME TO ISRAEL TO "GIVE THE BEST OF THEMSELVES" BUT WERE "FRUSTRATED BECAUSE ISRAEL DID NOT GIVE THEM THE POSSIBILITY TO DEVELOP THEIR KNOWLEDGE. THE (ISRAELI) GOVERNMENT DID NOT GIVE THEM THE MEANS TO EXERCISE THEIR LIVELIHOODS AND VERY OFTER PREFERRED TO HIRE FOREIGN SPECIALISTS. THE INTELLECTUALS ARE EQUALLY DISAPPOINTED IN THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING IN ISRAEL WHICH IS, ACCORDING TO THEM, INFERIOR TO THAT WHICH THEY EXPERIENCED IN THE USSR".

5. ARTICLE ENDS WITH POINTED QUESTION: "DOES JEWISH EMIGRATION REALLY SERVE THE CAUSE OF THE JEWS?" THE ANSWER, COUCHED IN A RHETORICAL QUESTION OF ITS OWN: "OR IS IT NOT RATHER A PIECE OF CHANGE BETWEEN AMERICA AND THE SOVIET UNION ON ONE PART, AND ON THE OTHER HAND A PRETEXT FOR ISRAEL TO COLLECT THE FUNDS IT NEEDS FOR MILITARY ARMS AND NATIONAL ECONOMY?"

6. COMMENT: SOMEWHAT DISJOINTED NATURE OF RELATIVELY BRIEF ARTICLE, BY A NEW JOURNALIST UNKNOWN TO USIS PERSONNEL, NOT PARTICULARLY UNUSUAL FOR ZAIRE MAGAZINE WHICH SPECIALIZES IN PITHY NON SEQUITURS FOR FINAL PARAGRAPHS. NOR IS IT PARTICULARLY UNUSUAL FOR ZAIRE MAGAZINE WRITERS TO DEVIATE FROM MAIN POINT OF ARTICLE TO BRING IN TANGENTIAL MATERIAL WHICH SUPPORTS THEIR PRESENT THINKING: IN THIS CASE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE AND PRESIDENT, DISSATISFACTION OF JEWISH INTELLECTUALS IN ISRAEL, AND MILITARISTIC AMBITIONS OF ISRAEL. NOTHING IN ARTICLE PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT

FOR US POLICY, BUT IT SERVES AS EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF KIND OF REPORTING UNDERTAKEN BY ZAIRE MAGAZINE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO DEFINE ALL CURRENT EVENTS IN TERMS OF ITS OWN PERSPECTIVE; USUALLY HEAVY-HANDED, BUT OCCASIONALLY WITH A HINT OF SOPHISTICATION. TULL

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